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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Serge CARILLO *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/405,920

Filed: September 24, 1999

For: METHOD OF CANCER TREATMENT BY
P53 PROTEIN CONTROL

Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: A. Beckerleg

Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION (PAPER NO. 8)

In response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2001 (Paper No. 8), applicants respectfully request reconsideration. The application is in condition for allowance.

Request for Extension of Time

Applicants request a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action mailed on March 28, 2001. Accordingly, the time for response is extended up to and including September 28, 2001. A check in the amount of \$890.00 is attached to cover the extension of time fee. If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional amount or any required fee to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1129.

Amendment

In the Claims:

Rewrite claims 18 and 26 as follows:

18. (amended) A method for inhibiting the degradation of p53 protein comprising administering to a cell a vector comprising a nucleic acid encoding a protein or polypeptide, wherein the protein or polypeptide is an inhibitor of the activity of calpain, and wherein the